



**Tentative Agreement on
Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order
Negotiations for the Disposition of Hanford Surplus Reactors**

Tri-Party Agreement

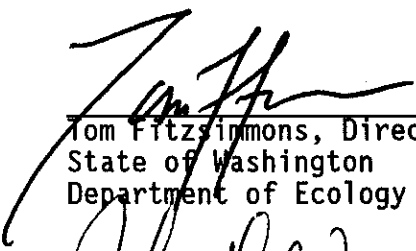
In December of 1996, the U.S. Department of Energy, the State of Washington Department of Ecology and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (the parties) agreed to enter into negotiations on matters relating to the completion of the Hanford surplus production reactors final facility disposition. This agreement was followed by negotiations which established a new major milestone series, M-93-00, within the Hanford Federal Facility Agreement and Consent Order (Agreement). The parties also agreed to associated modifications of Agreement Section 8.0 (Facility Decommissioning Process), and Agreement Appendix A, Definitions of Terms and Acronyms.


Pursuant to the parties Agreement in Principle (December 31, 1996), the parties have concluded initial surplus reactor negotiations and have reached tentative agreement. A summary and copy of this agreement is attached.


This tentative agreement will be submitted for public review and comment for a 45 day period. Copies of this agreement will also be available for review at the parties' public information repositories. Following the 45 day public comment period, the parties will make appropriate revisions before final agreement. The specific public comment period dates will be coordinated to ensure Hanford Advisory Board opportunity for review and comment. Prior to final agreement, a response to comments document will be issued. The parties anticipate that final signatures will take place by August 31, 1997.

The parties further agree that to minimize additional delay in the event they fail to agree on any changes as the result of public comment, all unresolved matters shall be referred to the Agreement dispute resolution process beginning at the Inter Agency Management Integration Team (IAMIT) level as described in the Agreement. The parties shall attempt to resolve the dispute(s) as provided for in Agreement paragraph(s) 30 and/or 59.

Signed this 30th day of April 1997


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